

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A leak checking apparatus for a swimming pool, the apparatus comprising: an elongate pipe housing of at least 2.5 feet in length and terminating at a distal end with a threaded nipple and terminating at a proximal end with a shutoff valve and a pressure gauge; the shutoff valve connected to a garden hose.
- 10 2. A method of leak checking a swimming pool having a water conducting system, the method comprising the steps of: removing a skimmer screen at an inlet pipe of a suction line of the swimming pool; removably engaging, for fluid exchange, a threaded nipple of an elongate pipe housing having at least 2.5 feet in length, into the inlet pipe; closing a return line and a drain line valves of the swimming pool; engaging a garden hose with a shutoff valve in the housing; applying water pressure to the garden hose; adjusting the
15 shutoff valve to a pressure of approximately 15 psi in the housing, this pressure being common to a water pressure in the water conducting system of the swimming pool; closing the shutoff valve and noting a pressure level in the housing as read on a pressure gauge engaged with the housing; and repairing a leak in the swimming pool water conducting system when the pressure level thereafter drops.

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